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How many Older Illinoisans are there?

- About one in every 10 persons in Illinois is age 65 or over — a total of 1,095,922 persons.

- In this century, the percent of Illinois' population 65+ more than doubled (4.0% in 1900 to 9.9% in 1970).

- The older population in Illinois is growing older. In 1900, 28% of the population 65+ were age 75+. In 1970, 39% of the population 65+ were age 75+.

- The proportion of population 65+ varies by race and language: 10.5% of all whites are 65+, 5.7% of all blacks are 65+, and 2.4% of all Spanish speaking persons are 65+.

Illinois' Older Population in the 20th Century.

Year	Total	Men	Women
1900	190,639	97,151	93,488
1930	421,073	207,992	213,081
1960	974,923	439,095	535,828
1970	1,095,922	452,659	643,263

Where do Older Persons live in Illinois?

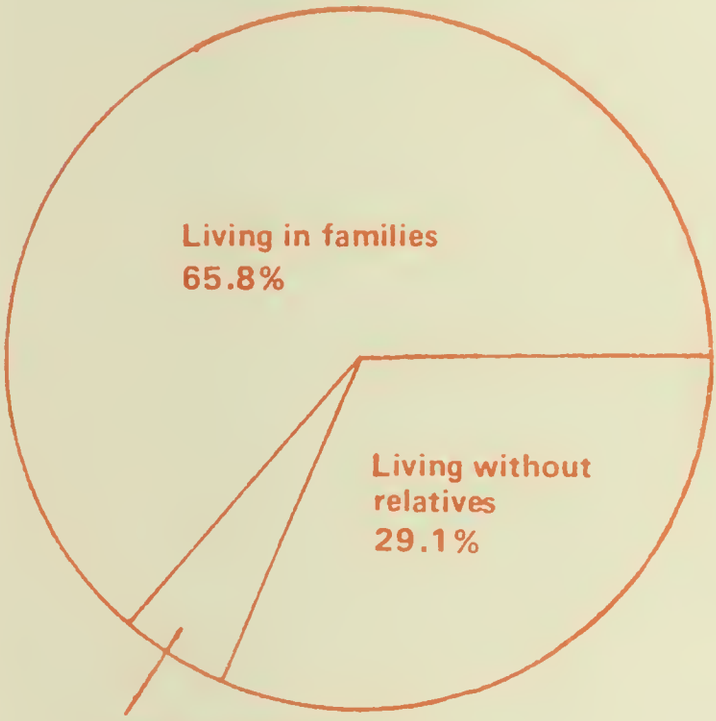
- Eight in every 10 older persons live in urban areas (generally places with over 2,500 population).

- Nearly half of the population 65+ (47%) reside in Cook County. About one-third of the population 65+ reside within the City of Chicago.

What are the living arrangements of Older Persons in Illinois?

- The majority of persons 65+ live with family (65.8%)
- About 29% of the older population live alone or without relatives.
- Over 5% of all persons 65+ live in institutions. About 10% of all persons 75+ live in institutions.

LIVING ARRANGEMENT
OF PERSONS 65+ IN ILLINOIS



What is the income status of Older Persons in Illinois?

- About 24% of Illinois' older persons (249,190) are below the poverty level.
- Approximately 13% of persons 65+ living in families are below the poverty level and about one-half of unrelated individuals* 65+ are below the poverty level.
- Seven in every 10 unrelated individuals* 65+ have incomes of less than $3,000.

INCOME DISTRIBUTION: ALL FAMILIES, OLDER FAMILIES, OLDER INDIVIDUALS

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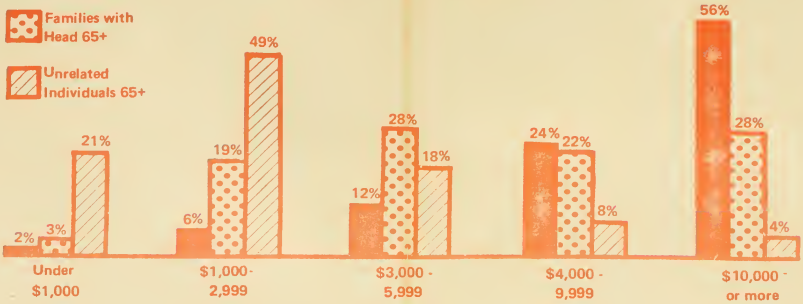


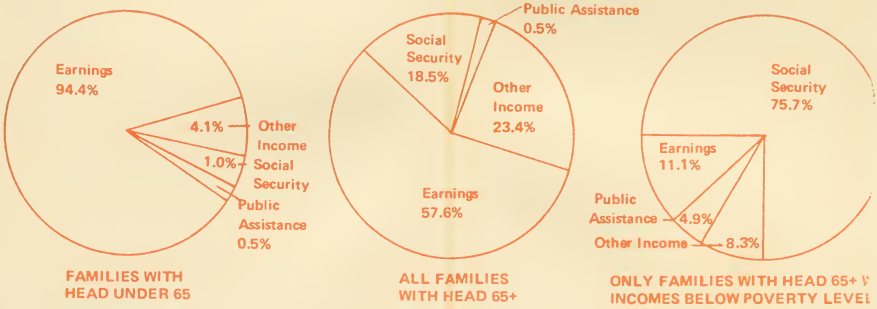
- About 56% of all families in Illinois have incomes over $10,000 compared to 28% for families with head 65+ and 4% for unrelated individuals* 65+.

Where do Illinois' Older Persons get their money?

- Families headed by a person 65+ receive 57.6% of their income from earnings. Families headed by a person under 65 receive 94.4% of their income from earnings.

- Families headed by a person 65+ with incomes below the poverty level receive over three-fourths of their income from Social Security benefits and about 11% from earnings.

SOURCES OF AGGREGATE FAMILY INCOME



* An unrelated individual is a person classified by the Bureau of the Census as living alone or living with other persons who are not related to him.

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OLDER POPULATION OF ILLINOIS COUNTIES

	Age 65+	% of Total Pop. Who Are Age 65+	% of Pop. Age 65+ in Illinois (Rank of County in State)
STATE	1,095,922	9.9	100.0
AREA 1—	55,219	9.6	5.0
Boone	2,240	8.8	0.2(72)
Carroll	2,633	13.7	0.2(64)
DeKalb	5,340	7.5	0.5(31)
JoDaviess	2,843	13.1	0.3(59)
Lee	4,323	11.4	0.4(41)
Ogle	4,283	10.0	0.4(42)
Stephenson	5,845	12.0	0.5(29)
Whiteside	6,278	10.0	0.6(26)
Winnebago	21,434	8.7	2.0(7)
AREA 2—	117,338	7.2	10.7
DuPage	27,814	5.7	2.5(2)
Grundy	2,496	9.4	0.2(66)
Kane	22,317	8.9	2.0(6)
Kankakee	10,574	10.9	1.0(15)
Kendall	1,809	6.9	0.2(85)
Lake	24,249	6.3	2.2(4)
McHenry	10,234	9.2	0.9(17)
Will	17,845	7.2	1.6(10)
AREA 3—	61,799	11.9	5.6
Bureau	5,170	13.4	0.5(35)
Henderson	1,078	12.8	0.1(95)
Henry	6,828	12.8	0.6(25)
Knox	8,604	14.0	0.8(21)
LaSalle	13,753	12.3	1.3(12)
McDonough	3,957	10.8	0.4(45)
Mercer	2,291	13.2	0.2(70)
Putnam	613	12.2	0.1(102)
Rock Island	16,555	9.9	1.5(11)
Warren	2,950	13.7	0.3(56)
AREA 4—	42,733	10.6	3.9
Fulton	6,004	14.3	0.5(27)
Marshall	1,837	13.8	0.2(83)
Peoria	21,210	10.9	1.9(8)
Stark	1,025	13.6	0.1(96)
Tazewell	9,401	7.9	0.9(20)
Woodford	3,256	11.6	0.3(50)
AREA 5—	82,521	10.8	7.5
Champaign	9,889	6.1	0.9(19)
Clark	2,769	17.1	0.3(61)
Coles	5,449	11.4	0.5(30)
Cumberland	1,483	15.0	0.1(90)
DeWitt	2,416	14.2	0.2(69)
Douglas	2,214	11.7	0.2(73)
Edgar	3,269	15.1	0.3(49)
Ford	2,122	13.0	0.2(77)
Iroquois	4,405	13.1	0.4(40)
Livingston	5,307	13.0	0.5(32)
McLean	10,538	10.1	1.0(16)
Macon	13,460	10.8	1.2(13)
Moultrie	2,074	15.6	0.2(79)
Piatt	1,909	12.3	0.2(82)
Shelby	3,405	15.1	0.3(47)
Vermilion	11,832	12.2	1.1(14)
AREA 6—	20,423	15.3	1.9
Adams	10,144	14.3	0.9(18)
Brown	1,121	20.1	0.1(94)
Calhoun	954	16.8	0.1(99)
Hancock	3,519	14.9	0.3(46)
Pike	3,224	16.8	0.3(51)
Schuyler	1,461	18.0	0.1(91)
AREA 7—	57,755	13.6	5.3
Cass	2,190	15.4	0.2(74)
Christian	5,282	14.7	0.5(33)
Greene	2,838	16.7	0.3(60)
Jersey	2,024	10.9	0.2(80)
Logan	4,164	12.4	0.4(44)
Macoupin	7,283	16.3	0.7(22)
Mason	2,482	15.4	0.2(67)
Menard	1,532	15.8	0.1(88)
Montgomery	4,860	16.1	0.4(37)
Morgan	5,259	14.5	0.5(34)
Sangamon	18,855	11.7	1.7(9)
Scott	986	16.2	0.1(98)
AREA 8—	63,641	9.9	5.8
Bond	2,181	15.6	0.2(75)
Clinton	3,100	10.9	0.3(53)
Madison	23,682	9.4	2.2(5)
Monroe	2,111	11.2	0.2(78)
Randolph	4,206	13.4	0.4(43)
St. Clair	25,737	9.0	2.3(3)
Washington	2,624	19.0	0.2(65)
AREA 9—	19,370	14.8	1.8
Clay	2,467	16.7	0.2(68)
Effingham	3,126	12.7	0.3(52)
Fayette	3,290	15.9	0.3(48)
Jefferson	4,612	14.7	0.4(39)
Marion	5,875	15.1	0.5(28)
AREA 10—	20,271	15.9	1.8
Crawford	3,091	15.6	0.3(55)
Edwards	1,294	18.3	0.1(92)
Hamilton	1,640	18.9	0.1(87)
Jasper	1,729	16.1	0.2(86)
Lawrence	2,878	16.4	0.3(57)
Richland	2,276	13.5	0.2(71)
Wabash	1,812	14.1	0.2(84)
Wayne	2,687	15.8	0.2(63)
White	2,864	16.5	0.3(58)

	Age 65+	% of Total Pop. Who Are Age 65+	% of Pop. 65+ in Illi (Rank of C in State)
AREA 11—	38,903	14.8	3.5
Alexander	2,125	17.7	0.2(76)
Franklin	7,105	18.5	0.6(23)
Gullatin	1,010	13.6	0.1(97)
Hardin	763	15.5	0.1(100
Jackson	4,948	9.0	0.5(36)
Johnson	1,226	16.2	0.1(93)
Massac	1,951	14.0	0.2(81)
Perry	3,098	15.7	0.3(54)
Pope	685	17.8	0.1(101
Pulaski	1,493	17.1	0.1(89)
Saline	4,806	18.7	0.4(38)
Union	2,694	16.8	0.2(62)
Williamson	6,999	14.3	0.6(24)
AREA 12— (City of Chicago)	356,727	10.6	32.6
AREA 13— (Suburban Cook County)	159,222	7.5	14.5

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